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DIGITALISATION OF CABLE T.V.
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transmission from analog to digital in cable TV industry is in tune with guidelines by the Ministry;

(b) if so, whether consumers interest are being kept in mind while digitalising cable TV industry; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMASTION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): The Government has not mandated technology in cable TV industrywhich is at present operating in digital as well as analog mode. Section 9 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 requires that the equipment used in the cable TV network should conform to the Indian Standards published by the Bureau of Indian Standards in accordance withthe provisions of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986.

(b) & (c): Does not arise in view of (a) above.